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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Amy Cook
Lurvey.

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Whereas, Amy Cook Lurvey passed away on December 12, 2007, at the age of 90;

Whereas, Throughout her life, Amy Cook Lurvey was an advocate and volunteer who worked tirelessly on behalf of children and people with disabilities;

Whereas, Born in Indianapolis on March 8, 1917, Amy Cook Lurvey was a graduate of Shortridge High School and Indiana University;

Whereas, While attending Shortridge High School, Amy Cook Lurvey made history when she was the first girl named to the boys' debate team;

Whereas, In 1939, after receiving a degree in speech and hearing, Amy Cook Lurvey was hired as the first speech and hearing therapist in a special education department for Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS);

Whereas, Although Amy Cook Lurvey worked as a speech and hearing therapist, it was her volunteer work for which she was most well known;

Whereas, Amy Cook Lurvey began her career as a volunteer serving the PTA, both locally and statewide;



Whereas, During her more than 60 year career, Amy Cook Lurvey touched the lives of many people;

Whereas, Senator Richard Lugar tapped Amy Cook Lurvey's vast knowledge of the Indianapolis Public School system when he was elected to the IPS Board of Education;

Whereas, Amy Cook Lurvey led the Council of Volunteers and Organizations for Hoosiers with Disabilities (COVOH) from 1969 until 1999;

Whereas, Well-known in the hallways of the Indiana State House, Amy Cook Lurvey was regarded as one of the state's leading advocates for disability education;

Whereas, Amy Cook Lurvey played a major role in the development of a joint relationship between Indiana University and Purdue University to establish spinal cord and head injury research and treatment centers;

Whereas, Amy Cook Lurvey received many awards and recognitions for her work, including Outstanding Volunteer presented by the governor and the State Commission for the Handicapped, Outstanding Leadership and Service from COVOH, the Jefferson Award for Community Service from the Indianapolis Star, and the Founders Award from the Indiana Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; and

Whereas, Amy Cook Lurvey was a voice for children and people with disabilities when they had none and provided them with hope for a better future when things appeared bleak; she will be greatly missed: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses its
2 sympathy to her family and its appreciation for her years of advocacy
3 on behalf of children and people with disabilities.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the family of Amy
6 Cook Lurvey.

